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SUBJECT: Vac Alert

DATE OF MEETING: June 26, 2003

PLACE: Suite 722 CPSC Headquarters

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DATE OF ENTRY: June 27, 2003

COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Commissioner Mary Sheila Gall
Dennis Wilson
Barbara Parisi

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Paul Pennington, Vac Alert Industries
Mike Gidding, Counsel for Vac Alert Industries

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Paul Pennington stated that parental guidance does not do anything to prevent entrapment, because once a child becomes entrapped it is extremely difficult for a parent or caregiver to break the vacuum and release the child from the drain. Mr. Pennington explained that the vacuum that causes entrapment may be broken by the introduction of air. The Safety Vacuum Release Systems are designed to break the seal or vacuum that is caused by the drain and therefore prevent entrapment. Mr. Pennington relayed that there are currently two standards regarding the Safety Vacuum Release Systems—an ASTM standard and an ASME standard.

Mr. Pennington referenced the CPSC Entrapment Guidelines. He stated that several states, including California, Illinois, and Utah, are ready to pass laws regarding entrapment hazards, and will do so once the CPSC guidelines are published. Mr. Pennington asked that the Commission release its Entrapment Guidelines as soon as practically possible.